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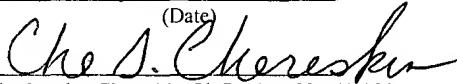
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Appl. No. : 09/90/006,337
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Intent to Issue Ex Parte Reexamination Certificate mailed June 11, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the following Comments on Statement of Reasons for Patentability and/or Confirmation be placed in the reexamination file.

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REMARKS

On the first page, lines 5-7 of the "Statement of Reasons for Patentability and/or Confirmation," the Examiner states that the "Requester considers that claims 1-3 are unpatentable over the Bryce and four references in which L. Kligman is the author." This statement is inaccurate. The Request for Reexamination by the Patent Owner which was filed on July 23, 2002 merely states that the newly submitted prior art was believed to raise a new question of patentability for claims 1-3 as this art was not previously of record. The Patent Owner/Requestor has never considered claims 1-3 to be unpatentable.

No fees are believed to be required. However, please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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